



EXHIBIT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joshua REITER

Serial No. 09/678,850

Filed: October 4, 2000

For: INTERACTIVE PROCESS FOR
APPLYING OR PRINTING
INFORMATION ON LETTERS
OR PARCELS

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Examiner: COSIMANO, Edward. R.
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Date: February 11, 2003
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RESPONSE (C)

BOX: NO FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, with respect to the above-captioned application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

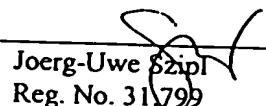
Applicant files herewith timely revised terminal disclaimers in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), one disclaimer each to United States Patent 5,819,241 and 6,178,411 B1. Applicant points out that the fee for the terminal disclaimer was paid previously, although the Examiner deemed the previous terminal disclaimer filed October 7, 2002, as being defective (Office Action dated December 31, 2002, page 3, lines 6-21). By timely filing the terminal disclaimers in the present application, Applicant has mooted the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-50, based on a judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over either claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent 5,819,241 or claims 1-35 of U.S.

Patent 6,178,411.

For all of the reasons above, claims 1-50 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicant. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501281.

Respectfully submitted,

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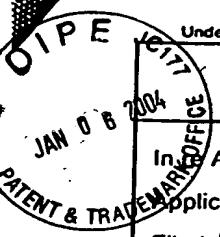
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In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

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receipt of the following papers relating to application Serial No. 09/678,850 of Joshua J. REITER filed October 4,
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1. Response (C);
2. Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent 5,819,241; and
3. Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent 6,178,411 B1.

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